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To the Workforce of the Shipyard:

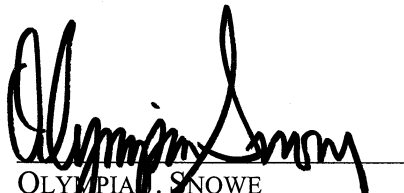
We are pleased to congratulate the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for its selection by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to receive the "Star" Site Status in the Voluntary Protection Program. The OSHA Team decision that Portsmouth Naval Shipyard be accepted into the VPP Program as a Star site - the highest level available in the program - is a testament to the exemplary professionalism of the workforce and the management at the shipyard. Whether it is leading our nation's naval facilities in submarine maintenance, environmental stewardship, or workplace safety, Portsmouth once again stands out as a leader.

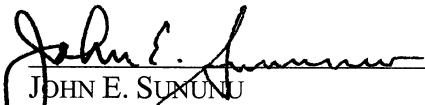
As the first and only Navy installation and the second Department of Defense entity to achieve this status, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard continues to demonstrate outstanding performance. The recognition by OSHA and the Department of Labor of the high standards and pride of the shipyard is a reflection of how the shipyard is integral to the Kittery-Portsmouth community and region.

We all take great pride in representing the shipyard, the best in the Navy, and congratulate both the civilian and military employees on another notable achievement.

Sincerely,

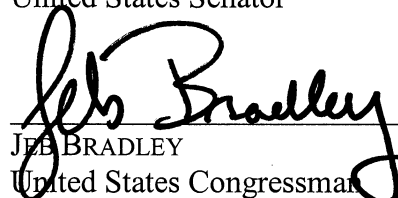

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